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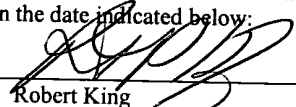
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed reference is also being submitted herewith. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2) this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the close of prosecution in this application and is accompanied by the fee of \$180.00 as set forth in §1.17(p).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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